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Local endowment fund receives contributions

The Kewanna-Union Township Endowment Fund recently received contributions from two local organizations. Kewanna Metal Specialties, Inc. contributed \$5,000 and Kewanna H.E.A.R.T. contributed \$3,000. Both contributions will be matched by the Community Foundation at 50 cents on the dollar. Matching funds for new contributions are available through the end of the year. The fund will be used to support charitable projects and needs within Kewanna and Union Township. For more information about the Kewanna-Union Township Endowment Fund, contact the Community Foundation at 574-224-3223.

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Kewanna H.E.A.R.T. also recently contributed money to the Kewanna-Union Township Endowment Fund in the amount of \$3,000. Pictured, left to right, are Jeff Finke and Bev Baldwin of

Kewanna H.E.A.R.T., Larry Cunningham of the Community Foundation, and Tom, Diane and Laika Mate, also of Kewanna H.E.A.R.T.

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Pictured here are, left to right, Jim Finke of Kewanna Metal Specialties, Larry Cunningham of the Community Foundation, and Allen and Jeff Finke, also of Kewanna Metal Specialties. The local company recently donated \$5,000 to the Kewanna-Union Township Endowment Fund within the Community Foundation.

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Christmas Eve candlelight service at Methodist Church

The Kewanna United Methodist Church will hold its annual Christmas Eve candlelight service Saturday, December 24, beginning at 11 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come worship Jesus in singing traditional Christmas carols and experiencing the joy of the season.

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THE LAKE BRUCE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT NEWS

The Lake Bruce Conservancy District board of directors met Thursday, December 8, in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station. Four directors were present as well as eight freeholders and one guest. The treasurer's report and the minutes of the October 13th meeting were read and approved.

Director Brad Glasson reported on the new billing company that the district will be using as of January 1, 2012. The name of the new company is Gemini and Linda Kiester is the agent. She will mail out the new coupon books around December 15 and will include a notice of the new address to send payments to. If a property owner does not receive their coupon book by January 1st, contact Linda at 280-982-2232 or Gerald Porter at 574-653-9984.

Richard Denney, wastewater treatment plant operator, reported that everything is fine at the plant and there are currently no problems. Paul Bradley and Denney have constructed tarp covers to help the plant get through the winter months.

Chairman Porter reported on lake enhancement. He attended a meeting with the Department of Natural Resources November 3 and discussed weed treatment on the lake. The district will submit a request for 2012 grant money for weed control even though it will probably be

denied.

Mr. Porter also reported on the order from IDEM to put a compliance plan in place within 60 days. Wigham-Petrie will do the plan for the district and will have a draft ready for review by December 16.

Representatives from Rural Development met with Gerald Porter and Richard Denney October 17 to inspect the wastewater treatment plant and see how things were running. The district got a good report.

Inspector Paul Bradley reported that no permits were issued this month.

The board voted to disqualify a property from remaining in the original sewer project making that property subject to a connection fee.

The terms for three board seats expire at the annual meeting in February. Nominees are Kathy Fisher for District 3, Brad Glasson for District 5 and Ron Wingerter for District 1. These nominees are unopposed and will be deemed elected at the meeting.

The board approved giving the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Department a \$200 donation for the use of the community room for board meetings.

A sewer rate ordinance public hearing was held immediately following the meeting. Chairman Porter explained the changes to the rate ordinance. The billing rate will change from \$4.22 to \$5.00. The user fee was adjusted to keep the monthly bill at \$89.00. The fee for a vacant lot will go from \$48.38 to \$49.16 for 2012.

The board will not meet in January. The next meeting will be the annual meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, February 16, in the fire department community room.

The News In Brief

Town clerk-treasurer Jenny Kay is looking for old black and white pictures of Kewanna scenes to place in the town hall. If you have any you would like to share, take them to her at the town hall, 308 S. Logan Street.

This Saturday, December 17, will be the last Saturday for the Farmers Market until spring. Hours are 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Fulton County Museum. Vendors and craftsmen are invited to come. Breakfast/brunch of coffee, rolls and breads will be available.

The Kewanna town council will meet in special session at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, December 29, at the town hall to conduct year-end business.

The Ermaus Mission Center Food Pantry in Loganport is in need of food donations to meet the current demand. If you would like to donate food items, take them to the mission at 1203 College Street between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

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Apple a Day Preschool - Janet Yocum is pictured here with her Apple a Day Preschool students who meet Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 3 p.m. in the basement of the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library.

The students include, front row left to right, Dannon Lovgren, Bartram, Lauren Bruce, Taetym Gainer and Lizzy Vollmer; and back row, left to right, Johnny Cooper, Kelsie Wolf, Paige Evans, JeeAnne Peterson and Silvia Montelongo.

For more information or to enroll your child in the preschool, call Janet at 574-223-5387. The preschool is open to students ages 3 1/2 to 5 and starts the end of August. Students may be enrolled anytime.

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Clubs Societies Personals



Graham Redweik earns Eagle Scout rank

Graham Redweik (right), son of David and Lora Redweik of Twelve Mile, earned his Eagle Scout rank in August.

Graham's Eagle project was to provide smoke alarms to all residents of Wayne Township. His inspiration was to honor the memory of the late David Berry who was a long-time Wayne Township volunteer fireman as well as past fire chief for the department. Special thanks go out to the Wayne Township Fire Department for providing a donation from Dave's memorial fund toward the project. Other contributors were Home Depot and private monetary donations. A total of 260 smoke detectors were distributed.

Graham is a member of Caston's Boy Scout Troop # 215. He follows his brother, Garrett, his father, David, and his uncle, Bob, in attaining the Eagle Scout rank. Graham received his Eagle

Scout pin and certificate from Millie Redweik (left), his grandmother and Committee Chairman.

Community Foundation awards grants

The Fulton County Community Foundation awarded grants to 18 projects in the county last Friday in ceremonies held at the Elks in Rochester. Among the recipients was Kewanna H.E.A.R.T. to support the Kewanna Fall Festival (\$3,750) represented by Tom Mate and the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library (\$7,500) to purchase an electronic display sign, represented by Charlie Rude. A total of \$77,150 was distributed to various projects.

Other recipients included Rochester High School art department; Area Five Agency on Aging and Community Services; Court Appointed Special Advocates; Psi Iota Xi

sorority; Fulton Athletic League; Fulton County Choral Club; Fulton County Park Department; Fulton County Habitat for Humanity; Grass Creek Cemetery; Grass Creek Lions Club; Junior Achievement; Liberty Township Park; Fulton County Youth Leadership Academy; the Salvation Army; the Nickel Plate Trail; and the Fulton Community Center.

CASTON MENU December 19 - 24 Breakfast

Monday and Tuesday - Sausage & cheese or ham & cheese or cereal & toast or toaster pastry with juice and milk
Wednesday - Cook's choice
Thursday and Friday - Christmas vacation

Lunch

Monday - Rotini with meat sauce, bread stick, country blend vegetables, mixed fruit

Tuesday - ?
Wednesday - Cook's choice
Thursday and Friday - Christmas vacation

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Elementary Lunch

Monday - Fish, green beans, applesauce, chips and milk
Tuesday - Turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, dressing, fruit salad, hot roll and milk

Wednesday - Corn dogs, baby carrots, apple, peanut butter sandwich and milk
Thursday and Friday - Christmas vacation

Middle/High School Lunch

Monday - Pepperoni pizza, green beans, peaches, brownie and milk. Choice - salad bar
Tuesday - Ravioli, breadstick, carrots, applesauce, and milk.

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Thursday and Friday - Christmas vacation

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December 6
Admissions - Jean Winstead, Rochester; Lester Good, Kewanna; Terra Ruff, Akron
Births - Danielle Piazza, Rochester, a son
December 8
Births - Mark and Diane Simpson, Indianapolis, a daughter
December 9
Dismissals - Wendell Ringle, Donald Allen, Jean Winstead, and Danielle Piazza and son, all of Rochester

NIPSCO's Proposal to Fill Gap in Winter Bill Assistance Receives Approval

\$2.1 million to help with expected shortfall in federal program
The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) approved part of a proposal recently made by NIPSCO to help fill the expected shortfall in available funds as a result of cuts in federal funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LHEAP) across the country - a program that offers much needed winter heating assistance locally for qualified NIPSCO households that are experiencing financial challenges.
LHEAP support - which has been in existence for 30 years - is available to households falling within 150 percent of federal

poverty guidelines, and is fully funded by a federal block grant offered through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

With expected federal cuts amounting to an anticipated 27 percent shortfall this winter from last year's available LHEAP funds for NIPSCO customers, the company proposed that \$2.1 million in unused funds from an expired utility assistance program be allowed to help offset the cuts.

The approved \$2.1 million is expected to help approximately 8,000 homes throughout NIPSCO's service area that would not have received help without these additional funds.

"This decision comes at a critical time as we head into the heart of the winter heating season," said Cindy Jackson, manager of energy efficiency and energy assistance programs for NIPSCO. "These programs are vital to the safety and well-being of thousands of individuals and families, especially to elderly, disabled and low-income customers, as well as those hit hardest by the economy."

AVAILABLE LHEAP ASSISTANCE

General enrollment began Nov. 1, and funds are administered by the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) and spread across northern Indiana through Community Action Agencies with outreach offices in each county.

Last year, more than 46,000 NIPSCO customers participated in LHEAP. The level of assistance is based on several factors, including family size, income status and dwelling type.

Between Dec. 1 and March 15, natural gas utilities in Indiana do not disconnect service to customers enrolled in LHEAP who are delinquent on their home heating bills.

Eligible applicants should contact their local Community Action Agency. A listing of agencies by county can be found at NIPSCO.com/paymentassistance, and customers are encouraged to contact the agency for a complete list of required documentation ahead of visiting in person.

NIPSCO CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE FOR RESIDENTIAL ENERGY (CARE) DISCOUNT PROGRAM
In addition to the assistance available through LHEAP, the NIPSCO CARE discount program is designed to provide further bill reductions to LHEAP-eligible customers. Once enrolled in LHEAP, customers are automatically enrolled in the program, and reductions range from 11 to 26 percent, depending on the same criteria used by the state in determining the level of assistance.

NIPSCO HARDSHIP PROGRAM
For customers just outside the federal poverty guidelines for LHEAP, the NIPSCO Hardship Program offers up to \$200 in gas bill assistance to households between 151-200 percent of the federal poverty level. Hardship funds are available through many of the same local Community Action Agencies where LHEAP funds are distributed.

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
A limited amount of energy assistance funds are available through local Township Trustee offices. Last year, approximately \$1.2 million was distributed to help nearly 7,000

customers. NIPSCO customers are encouraged to contact their local Township Trustee to see what help is available.

"Regardless of income levels, it's important that any customer with bill-payment trouble contact NIPSCO immediately to discuss potential assistance options," added Jackson.

For more information on available payment assistance programs, customers are encouraged to visit NIPSCO.com/paymentassistance.

For more information on available energy-saving programs and other ways to save, visit NIPSCO.com/SaveEnergy.

Letter To The Editor

An end of an era is drawing near - and what a great loss to our community. Even though we want to wish Joe and Karen the very best in their retirement, we regret the loss of our "Observer". It has been a great tool of communication and will be dearly missed.

So long Observer, so long Karen and Joe Good, the communicators of Kewanna. They "are the town with the big heart".

We wish you the very best in your retirement, we will miss you and The Observer.

P.S. We will miss Julie's Sunday calls as well.

God bless,
Tom and Barb LaFollette
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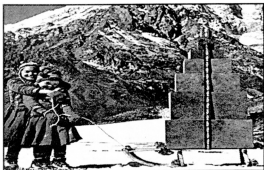


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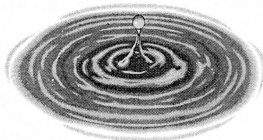
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SIXTY YEARS AGO December 21, 1951

A nine-pound daughter, Gayle Marie, was born Saturday, December 8, in the Gurnee Hospital, Winamac, to Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Smith of Kewanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Garner, Kewanna, are the parents of a seven pound, eleven ounce son, Thomas L., born at 9 a.m. Monday in Memorial Hospital, Logansport.

The Kewanna Homemakers Club enjoyed a Christmas party and carry-in supper Monday evening in the home of Mrs. Ruth Bulger. Mrs. Mary Brown was her co-hostess. Mrs. Harvey Turner, past president of the Prairie Grove Home Economics Club, installed the following officers for the new year: Mrs. Ruby Woolington, president; Mrs. Marguerite Fisher, vice president; Mrs. Helena Shine, secretary; Mrs. Florence Brown, treasurer; Mrs. Nina Gillespie, pianist; Mrs. Thelma Johnston, chorister; and Mrs. Tillie Smith, scrap book editor.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, Kewanna, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in their home Sunday, December 30, with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Brown were married January 1, 1902. They are the parents of one son, Milo R., of Chicago.

James E. Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cunningham of Grass Creek has completed his training at the South Bend College of Commerce. He has accepted a position with Associates Investment Company of South Bend. He is a 1950 graduate of Grass Creek High School.

Mrs. Ida Hogan was hostess to



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the Social Club for its annual Christmas party Wednesday, December 12. Mrs. Ruth Sparks and Mrs. Margaret Fisher were guests. Two contests were conducted with prizes going to Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Emma Foglesong, who also won the door prize.

A dinner party in honor of Mrs. Fay Metzger was given Saturday evening, December 15, in the home of Mrs. Ethel Smith. Mrs. Mary Renkenberger of Logansport and Mrs. Margaret Smith of Rochester assisted the hostess. Others present to help Mrs. Metzger celebrate her birthday were Mrs. Louise Whybrew, Miss Gladys Wharton, Mrs. Maggie Gillespie, and Mrs. Emma Foglesong.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO December 20, 1956

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Kline will observe their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at their home near Lake Bruce Sunday afternoon, December 23, from 2 to 4 p.m. Mrs. Kline is the former Bessie Harris of near Bruce Lake Station. They have three children, Clifton and Dwight of Tippecanoe Township in Pulaski County and Mrs. Carl Fernbaugh of South Bend.

Bill Masteller, Rt. 1, Kewanna, a senior at Purdue University majoring in electrical engineering, is a member of the fall pledge class of Eta Kappa Nu, a national electrical engineering honorary for students in the upper third of their class.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ley of here and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Miller of Rochester went to Chicago Friday to meet their son and daughter, Major and Mrs.

Edmund A. Ley and family, who flew in from Tokyo. The major has been in Japan for three years. After a 30-day leave, he will be stationed at San Bernardino, California.

Captain Howard Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnston of here, was the master of ceremonies recently for graduation ceremonies of the third Basic Aviation Mechanics School at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Mrs. Clyde Elston, Kewanna, suffered a stroke at her home Thursday and is confined to her bed.

Mrs. Almeda Moon fell one day last week in the Oren Anderson home and injured her leg. She was taken to Woodlawn Hospital for x-rays, but there was no fracture.

Mrs. Burdette Garner entertained at a birthday party Saturday afternoon for her son, Tommy, who was celebrating his 8th birthday. Guests were Jennifer and Karla Garner, Pamela Nicklaus, John Rans and Pamela Belt.

John Rans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Rans, celebrated his 5th birthday Thursday afternoon with a party for a few of his friends. Present were Jackie Rans and Frank Martin of Fulton, Tommy Garner, Ricky Harper, Marcia Belt, Susan Clark, Christie Hickie and Billie Dean Kennedy.

FIFTY YEARS AGO December 21, 1961

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin C. Beehler will observe their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, December 24, with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. at their home on Rt. 4, Rochester, near Kewanna.

Winamac Coil Spring has purchased its second automobile coil since June 1 in their

present expansion program. With the increased facilities, Walt Pesaresi estimates that sales will reach \$300,000 this fiscal year.

John Bauman, now stationed with the Army in Georgia, spent Sunday with his father, Harry Bauman.

Raymond Hinderlinder has been appointed to the Kewanna-Union Township Library Board by Judge Frederick Rakestraw to fill the unexpired term of Zora Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Hamman entertained several relatives Sunday evening in celebration of their son, Mike's, 6th birthday.

Mrs. Marvin Engle hosted a birthday party Monday afternoon for her daughter, Karen. Fourteen of Karen's friends were present to enjoy games played around the Christmas tree.

The Faith Assembly Order of Rainbow for Girls met Monday evening with Janet Smith, worthy advisor, presiding. After the meeting, the girls went Christmas caroling and then returned to the Kenan Cook home for a Christmas gift exchange and refreshments.

Phil Wills, former Grass Creek High School scoring ace, is now one of the starting five for the Purdue University basketball team. He is a senior this year.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Myers, LaPorte, are the parents of a daughter born December 3 at Community Hospital in LaPorte. The baby has been named Melissa Ann. The mother is the former Helen Louise Shadle. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shadle of here are the maternal grandparents.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO December 22, 1966

The furnace at the Kewanna Methodist Church was recently converted from coal to oil. Saturday morning about 4 a.m., an explosion was heard in the

neighborhood and an investigation revealed that the furnace had blown up. Considerable damage was done to the furnace room and smoke and soot damaged the vestibule and church. With the help of a number of high school students and members of the church, things were soon cleaned up and everything put back in order for church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Doty, Kewanna, are the parents of a son born at Woodlawn Hospital.

Sheriff Willard Clark, 42, escaped injury but his 1966 patrol car sustained \$1,200 in damages when it struck and killed a pony Monday night on State Road 14, seven miles west of Rochester. The pony belonged to John Hott. It was the first accident in almost eight years in office for the sheriff who will retire from the sheriff's post December 31.

Bulk fresh oysters were selling for \$1.09 a pint at Deckard's Super Market.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Livengood have sold their property here to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Bussert. Mr. and Mrs. Livengood moved to Knox Monday where he is employed with the telephone company.

THIRTY YEARS AGO December 17, 1981

The "Flying Arrows" baton corps performed between games of the Kewanna-North Miami junior high basketball games Tuesday evening. Instructor Kenan Bitterling has been working with the group for over a year and a half. Members of the corps include Kara Carlisle, Julie Zellers, Amanda Leaserby, Laurie Baldwin, Angela Gast, Aimee Zimmerman, Stephanie Baldwin, Aryn Kegarise, Sally Lawark, Angela Wentzel, Renee Lawark and Melissa Keyser.

The Kewanna Indians girls' **Con't. To Page Five**

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"Looking Back"

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basketball team lost to visiting Fort Wayne Christian Tuesday evening, 33-17. Angie Gudeman led Kewanna with seven points. Teresa Frasa and Mary Harris each added four points and Cindy Carlson had two. Teresa Frasa also pulled down 16 rebounds and had four steals.

Sandra Field and Robert Sutton, both of Kewanna, were united in marriage Saturday, November 14, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Denham. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Garold Field, Kewanna; Emily Brown, Plymouth; and Harold Sutton, Kewanna.

A son was born December 11 to Mr. and Mrs. Randy Mullins. Ida Mullins of here is the great-grandmother and the baby is her 60th great-grandchild.

The new Indiana Room of the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library was dedicated Friday afternoon. Zora Wilson, past president of the library board, presided at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

TWENTY YEARS AGO December 19, 1991

The Kewanna Progressive Association was quite pleased with the turnout at its community Christmas carry-in Tuesday. An estimated 200 persons enjoyed the food and fellowship.

Past and present Kewanna postal employees enjoyed their annual Christmas party and

buffet dinner Saturday at the Moose Lodge in Rochester. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gilliland, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. James O. Wilson, Mr. Paul Ley, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rentschler, Mr. Raymond Zartman, Mr. John Prathastakis and guest, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cessna and Mr. and Mrs. Don Kegarise.

Lisa Sommers' piano student presented their 6th annual recital Wednesday, December 4. Over 150 persons were in attendance and enjoyed solos performed by each student. Students participating from Kewanna included Traci, Trisha and Trent Powell, Lindsay Smith and Kaitlin Sommers.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sutton attended the Christmas program at St. John's Lutheran Church in Rochester Sunday evening. Their grandchildren, Luke and Kaleigh Sutton, children of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sutton, were in the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Kline of Monterey and Mr. and Mrs. William Miller of Elkhart were guests of their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Plante of Culver, for dinner out recently in celebration of the Kline's 45th wedding anniversary and the Miller's 43rd wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cook hosted a Christmas carry-in for members of the Kewanna United Methodist Church choir and

cantata choir Saturday evening. Guests included Lois Kummer, Lois Wilson, Eris Gilliland, Ruth Ann Anderson, Beth Weller, Emogene Troutman, Wade Ruessert, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Good, Mr. and Mrs. Don Wootington and Rev. and Mrs. Bryan Ton.

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"Slices of Life"

By: Jill Perlier



Learning to run

There are two types of people in this world: those who run and those who can't.

I always believed I belonged in the second group. I can walk just fine. I can do jumping jacks and a little yoga. I can exercise and lift weights. I can do a whole lot of things an ordinary person might define as physical exertion. Running didn't happen to be one of them. It was outside my realm of possibilities.

Then, one unsuspecting day while on an ordinary, leisurely-paced walk, something foreign came over me and an unlikely thought crept into my head: *Maybe I should try running.*

I ignored the impulse at first because it was crazy. I am not a runner. Never have been. I can't run.

But that day on the tarred road - after I made sure no one was watching - I took a few tentative strides. Before I had a chance to think, "I can't," I'd covered most of a block. My lungs were about to burst, so I resumed my normal walking pace and huffed and puffed - trying to catch my breath - for what seemed like an eternity.

About a block later, I had the urge to do it again. I wasn't good at it. I couldn't go very far. I'm sure my form was flawed in numerous ways. The effort made me completely out of breath. But I was running. (Okay, probably more like jogging, but let's not get caught up in semantics.) The newness and the possibilities brought on a sense of exhilaration.

They say you can't teach an old dog new tricks. Anyone who believes such lore should meet my 81-year-old dad. He hasn't taken up running (yet) but he did cook his first ever turkey this Thanksgiving. Two years ago, his kitchen expertise consisted of hitting the button on the microwave and (perhaps) turning on the coffee.

Now he's roasted a turkey - to perfection. The bird was tender and juicy and such a success that he's already cooked a second one. He's doing other things in the kitchen as well. My dad has become a cook.

I guess the old apple doesn't fall far from the old tree. My dad is learning to cook; I am learning to run. Two old dogs learning new tricks.

Unlike my dad, I haven't mastered my new set of skills. You don't start out in the kitchen by roasting a turkey. You stir up a pot of soup, or give a go at scrambling a couple of eggs. You work up to the turkey. The same goes for running - and life. Some people run marathons or 5K races. I run a teeny tiny bit - at best a block or two. Someday I may go the length of a 1K (impressive, isn't it?). Still, I am running.

A year ago my dad couldn't cook a turkey. A month ago I couldn't run. Now look at us.

There are two types of people in this world: those who run and those who believe they can't. I used to be a member of the latter group. That's changed, leaving one question: What else is out there that I can't do - yet? Jill Perlier, award-winning syndicated columnist and author of "The Do-It-Yourselfer's Guide to Self-Syndication" is collecting fans on Facebook on her Slices of Life page. Email her at perlier@westnet.net or visit her website at <http://marketing-by-design.home.mch.net/>.

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Monday at 4:00 p.m., kids of all ages are welcome to participate in Adventure Alley Activities using a wide variety of crafts, creative writing activities, painting, acting, and reading.

The Pulaski County Public Library offers a Family Movie Night every Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. The December movies at your library!

December 28th: A Christmas Carol
December 13th: The Polar Express
December 20th: Shrek the Halls
December 27th: A Dennis the Menace Christmas

Pokémon League: Join kids, youth, and parents from the area as they play an exciting card game based on Pokémon! The league meets each Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. No experience is necessary, but come prepared to have a good time!

Same Night! Do you enjoy board games such as Monopoly, Checkers, or Candy Land? If so, we hope to see you at game night Game Night is held every Thursday at 4:00 p.m.

P.C.P.L. Activity Book: Teens gather to offer suggestions every Tuesday to make P.C.P.L. a fun and exciting place for teens. They also brainstorm ideas for upcoming programs and projects. Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 4:30 p.m.

Medaryville Children's Programs are held every December 2nd, December 16th, and December 30th. Toddler time is at 2:00 p.m. Adventure Alley or Home School program is at 4:00 p.m. For more information, please call the library at 219-843-3021.

Toddler Time: Every Tuesday is held at 10:00 a.m., also 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Every Saturday the PCPL in Winamac and Medaryville offers a Story Hour from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

For more information, please call 946-3432 (Winamac) and 219-843-3021 (Medaryville).

Every Monday the PCPL in Winamac offers Genealogy help from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. For more information, please call the library at 219-846-3432.

The PCPL in Medaryville offers monthly book clubs that meet at 1:00 p.m. For more information, please call the library at 219-843-3021.

Did you know? There are tutor rooms available for small group meetings, tutoring, or quiet studying? These rooms are available on a first come, first serve basis.

On Friday, December 9th from 3-6 Ryan Crawford will be bringing Christmas Cheer to the library as he plays a variety of Christmas melodies on his keyboard.

Christmas Carol with David Norris will be on Tuesday, December 13th at 2:30 p.m. For more information, please call the library at 219-846-3432.

Pulaski County Public Library will be hosting a College Fair on Thursday, December 15th from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. For more information, please call the library at 219-846-3432.

A Beginning Excel Class will be held at the Pulaski County Public Library in Winamac on Friday, December 16th. It is scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The class is free of charge, but space is limited. For more information or to sign up for this class, please call the library at 219-846-3432.

Come and get away from all the holiday hustle and bustle this season and have a good time with Christmas Bingo on Tuesday, December 20th at 5:30 p.m. Prizes will be given to the winners. For more information, please call the library at 219-846-3432.

Christmas Carols Encore with David Norris will be on Friday, December 23rd at 2:30. For more information, please call the library at 219-846-3432.

Make and Take Christmas Craft will be on Wednesday, December 21st at 9:30 a.m. while supplies last. For more information, please call the library at 219-846-3432.

"Quick and Easy Projects for the New Year," will be at the Pulaski County Public Library on Thursday, December 29th at 2:00 p.m. For more information, please call the library at 219-846-3432.

American soldiers do not fight because they hate what is in front of them, but because they love what is behind them.

Author Unknown



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The Wild West Town show at the Fulton County Museum last Saturday, December 10, included (left to right) Terry Owens (left to right) Terry Owens and Daniel Petersen, Kewanna; Gale Reynolds, Randy Spaulding and Crikett and Jeff Myers, all of Rochester. Proceeds from the show benefited the museum.

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Dear EarthTalk: I heard that the less meat one eats, the better it is for the environment. How so?

-- Jason K., Sarasota, FL
Our meat consumption habits take a serious toll on the

environment. According to the Environmental Working Group (EWG), the production, processing and distribution of meat requires huge outlays of pesticides, fertilizer, fuel, feed and water while releasing greenhouse gases, manure and a range of toxic chemicals into our air and water. A lifecycle analysis conducted by EWG that took into account the production and distribution of 20 common agricultural products found that red meat such as beef and lamb is responsible for 10 to 40 times as many greenhouse gas emissions as common vegetables and grains.

Livestock are typically fed corn, soybean meal and other grains which have to first be grown using large amounts of fertilizer, fuel, pesticides, water and land. EWG estimates that growing livestock feed in the U.S. alone requires 167 million pounds of pesticides and 17 billion pounds of nitrogen fertilizer each year across some 149 million acres of cropland. The process generates copious amounts of nitrous oxide, a greenhouse gas 300 times more potent than carbon dioxide, while the output of methane—another potent greenhouse gas—from cattle is estimated to generate some 20 percent of overall U.S. methane emissions.

"If all the grain currently fed to livestock in the United States were consumed directly by people, the number of people who could be fed would be nearly 800 million," reports ecologist David Pimentel of Cornell University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. He adds that the seven billion livestock in the U.S. consume five times as much grain as is consumed directly by the entire U.S. population.

Our meat consumption habits also cause other environmental problems. A 2009 study found that four-fifths of the deforestation across the Amazon rainforest could be linked to cattle ranching. And the water pollution from factory farms

(also called concentrated animal feeding operations or CAFOs)—whereby pigs and other livestock are contained in tight quarters—can produce as much sewage waste as a small city, according to the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). Further, the widespread use of antibiotics to keep livestock healthy on those overcrowded CAFOs has led to the development of antibiotic-resistant strains of bacteria that threaten human health and the environment in their own right.

Eating too much meat is no good for our health, with overindulgence linked to increasing rates of heart disease, cancer and obesity. Worldwide, between 1971 and 2010, production of meat tripled to around 600 billion pounds while global population grew by 81 percent, meaning that we are eating a lot more meat than our grandparents. Researchers extrapolate that global meat production will double by 2050 to about 1.2 trillion pounds a year, putting further pressure on the environment and human health.

For those who can't give up meat fully, cutting back goes a long way toward helping the environment, as does choosing meat and dairy products from organic, pasture-raised, grass-fed animals. "Ultimately, we need better policies and stronger regulations to reduce the environmental impacts of livestock production," says EWG's Kari Hammerschlag. "But personal shifting of diets is an important step."

CONTACTS: EWG, www.ewg.org; David Pimentel, www.vvo.cornell.edu/enrty/home?&id=5774; NRDC, www.nrdc.org; EarthTalk® is written and edited by Roddy Scheer and Doug Moss and is registered trademark of E - The Environmental Magazine (www.emagazine.com). Send questions to: earthtalk@emagazine.com. Subscribe: www.emagazine.com/subscribe. Free Trial Issue: www.emagazine.com/trial.

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FULTON COUNTY LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION

ORDINANCE
Fulton County Board of Commissioners: Ordinance No. 112111, An Ordinance addressing Local Disaster Emergency Declarations and Local Advisories

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County ("Board") previously adopted Ordinance No. 010699 which was adopted for the purpose of declaring weather related emergencies in Fulton County, Indiana;

AND WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Ordinance to protect the health and well being of our citizens, to keep residents informed of significant weather related county road conditions, to facilitate the passage of emergency vehicles on county roads and highways in times of weather emergencies by minimizing the number of stalled and abandoned vehicles, to assist the county highway department in clearing the county roadways by eliminating stalled vehicles and to amend the existing ordinance in view of the enactment of IC 10-14-3-29.5;

WHEREAS, under IC 10-14-3-29, it is the duty of the principal executive officer of each Indiana political subdivision to determine when it shall be necessary to declare a local disaster emergency for said political subdivision to activate the response and recovery aspects of all applicable disaster emergency plans and to issue the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans and to authorize any necessary local travel advisories in accordance with IC 10-14-3-29.5.

WHEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE BOARD THAT:

Section 1. Title

This Ordinance shall be known as the Local Disaster Emergency Declaration Ordinance of Fulton County, Indiana and shall apply to all roads, highways or right-of-ways maintained by the county highway department ("Roads"). The Ordinance shall contain prohibitions on travel and the penalties for violating those prohibitions shall not apply to streets maintained by a city or town within the county nor to a state highway maintained by the Indiana Department of Transportation nor to a federal interstate highway situated within the county.

Section 2. Procedure

The Board, after consultation with:
A. The Emergency Management Advisory Council;
B. The County Sheriff;
C. The Emergency Management Board of Homeland Security Director; and;
D. The County Highway Superintendent;

if available, or the respective representative designated by each as the person to consult in higher authority for the purpose of recommending a declaration of local disaster emergency, may declare a local disaster emergency which may also contain a "warning level" travel advisory by executive order when, in the Board's judgment, by majority rule, such action would be appropriate under IC 10-14-3-29 and in the best interest of public safety and well being of the residents of Fulton County, Indiana.

If only one member of the Board is available to sign the declaration of local disaster emergency, he/she can declare a local disaster emergency if he or she has obtained and documented the verbal or written concurrence of at least one other board member.

If, with or without the issuance of a declaration of local disaster emergency, the Board or the Emergency Management Agency Director determines that conditions require an "Advisory" or "Watch" level or travel advisory, the Board, by majority rule or the Emergency Management Agency Director, upon written notice to the Board may issue an "advisory" or "watch" travel advisory.

Pursuant to IC 10-14-3-29.5, a "warning level" travel advisory shall be issued only after or as a part of a declaration of local disaster emergency. Such emergency shall continue in effect until the above mentioned Board members and/or Official, upon their respective discretion, who declared the emergency thereafter determine an emergency no longer exists and terminate the emergency order.

The Board may declare a "warning" level travel advisory upon its determination that the conditions are appropriate for the issuance of a local disaster emergency under IC 10-14-3-29.5, and the further determination that the criteria set forth in Section 3, below, have been met.

Section 3. Local Travel Advisories

A local travel advisory shall be declared in accordance with IC 10-14-3-29.5 and this ordinance. The purpose of a local travel advisory is to keep the residents of Fulton County, Indiana

informed of the weather and county road conditions and to assist the County Highway Department in the clearing of the county roadways by eliminating stalled vehicles.

3.1 Advisory Level Travel Advisory
This level may be declared when routine travel or activities may be restricted in areas of the county because of hazardous situation; citizens should use caution or avoid these areas. Schools and businesses may begin to implement their emergency action plans.

3.2 Watch Level Travel Advisory
This level may be declared when conditions are threatening the safety of the public. Only essential travel is recommended (i.e. to and from emergency situations, etc.) At this level, emergency action plans should be implemented by businesses, schools, government agencies and other organizations.

3.3 Warning Level Travel Advisory
This level may be declared where roads have become impassable and the County Highway Department is not able to keep the roadways cleared due to extreme weather conditions such as a severe snow fall, high drifts or blizzard like conditions are present. Travel may be restricted to emergency management workers ONLY and critical emergency members of the public as the Board may further direct, such as privately employed emergency responders, and travel restrictions that the Board deems necessary may be included within the local disaster declaration.

Section 4. Publication
Any order or proclamation declaration, ordinance or terminating a local disaster emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the clerk of the political subdivision pursuant to IC 10-14-3-22 (b)(2). Publication and broadcast of the Watch or Warning Level Travel advisory shall be made or caused to be made by the Board or other agencies designating the level of travel advisory using a press release to all law enforcement, emergency departments, hospitals and news media in the county. The declaration shall be promptly provided to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security and shall be kept on file by the Fulton County Highway Department, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, County Clerk and County Auditor.

Section 5. Exemptions
Vehicles which shall be exempt from this Ordinance shall include: military and law enforcement, fire department, emergency management, public utility, and fuel hauling vehicles and employees of the above exempt services, if engaged in performing their respective duties. All other vehicles violating this Ordinance or any of the parking restrictions contained in local declaration of disaster emergency or a travel advisory are subject to removal by towing or other means at the expense of the owner of the vehicle when such towing and/or service is deemed necessary by a duly authorized representative of any one of the following: the County Highway Department; the County Sheriff's Department; the Indiana Department of Homeland Security; or the Indiana State Police.

Section 6. Penalties
Any person violating any provisions of this ordinance or the vehicle use or parking restrictions contained in a local declaration of disaster emergency or a "warning" travel advisory shall be guilty of the commission of an infraction and may be fined any sum not to exceed \$100.00 and such shall be enforceable in any court of law duly authorized by Indiana state law, and in addition to such fine the court shall be authorized to direct the violator to repay the County any monetary losses or expenses incurred in the incident.

Section 7. Repeal of Prior Ordinance
The prior local disaster emergency Ordinance, Ordinance No. 010699 is hereby repealed as of the effective date of this ordinance. Signed and approved on the 5th day of December, 2011 by a majority vote upon first reading.
Board of Commissioners
Mark Rodriguez
Roger D. Rose
Sherry Fulton
Attest: Judith A. Reed, Auditor

ADVERTISING CLAIMS FOR DECEMBER 15th, 2011

Four County Counseling Center, 480.66;
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Grand Total.....\$2,899.91
Witness my hand and seal of the Board of Commissioners, Fulton County, Indiana on December 7th, 2011.

Judith A. Reed
Fulton County Auditor

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ORDINANCE NO. 12052011 A ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PARKING FOR BRIDGE 88

WHEREAS, pursuant to IC 36-1-3-2, the policy of the State is grant unto all powers that they need for effective operation of government as to local affairs;

AND WHEREAS, Bridge 88, located at County Road 500 between County Road 250 South and South Wabash Road, has been reconstructed;

AND WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners has determined that there shall be no parking beginning fifty (50) feet approaching Bridge 88 from either direction, and no parking on Bridge 88;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED as follows:
1. That there shall be no parking beginning fifty (50) feet approaching North or South from Bridge 88, located at County Road 500 between County Road 250 South and South Wabash Road;

2. That there shall be no parking on Bridge 88, located at County Road 500 between County Road 250 South and South Wabash Road.

3. That no parking shall include motorized vehicles, bicycles, trailers, campers, mopeds, bicycles, trailers, campers, mopeds, wagons, farm implements, equipment and/or livestock.

4. That a violation of this ordinance is punishable by a fine of up to \$2,500.00 and may be enforced through the jurisdiction of the Superior Court of Fulton County, Indiana.

Notwithstanding this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon the passage and publication as provided by law.

ALL OF WHICH IS HEREBY ORDAINED this 5th day of December, 2011.

Presented to the County Commission: Mark Rodriguez
Roger D. Rose
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FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mark Rodriguez
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ATTEST:
Judith A. Reed
Fulton County Auditor

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NOTICE TO FREEHOLDERS OF MILL CREEK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Freeholders of Mill Creek Conservancy District of Fulton and Putaski Counties, Indiana, will be held on the 4th day of January, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at the office of the District, 1252 E. 100 S. USDA Building, Rochester, Indiana. The purpose of the Annual Meeting on January 4th, 2012 is to elect officers and transact any business that may come before the Board.

Board of Directors, Mill Creek Conservancy District
Jerry Brown, Chairman
Larry Friedrich, Vice-Chairman
William Reed, Board Secretary

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overhaul of the way we think about and spend our money, channeling much more of it into producing healthy local food, strengthening local communities instead of multinational corporations, and restoring our flagging economy in the process. Instead of venturing capital into bankrolling far flung high tech start-ups, Tasch hopes to see "nurture capital" funding local merchants and producers who, in turn, plug half of their profits back into the local community, ensuring one small local virtuous circle that values soil fertility, carrying capacity, a sense of place, care of the commons, diversity, nonviolence, and cultural, ecological and economic health as much as profit return. Tasch hopes to get there by persuading a million Americans to invest at least one percent of their assets in local food systems by 2020.

Tasch started Slow Money in November 2008 after the publication of his book, *Inquiries into the Nature of Slow Money: Investing as if Food, Farms and Fertility Mattered*. Hitting the road to promote the book and the nascent movement in 2009, he was able to attract 450 intrigued investors, farmers and other entrepreneurs.

At Santa Fe, New Mexico to trade ideas at a three-day gathering. "We just wanted to see who would show up, but four of the small food enterprises that presented raised an aggregate of \$250,000," says Tasch. Tasch then organized another event for some 600 attendees the following June in Shelburne, Vermont. Investors there poured \$4.2 million into 12 more producers, and that's when Tasch knew he was really on to something. More than 1,000 people converged in San Francisco for the third event in October 2011, and Tasch expects untold amounts of "slow capital" to be changing hands by the better part of a year.

Whether or not you have money to invest in Slow Money's virtuous circles, you can show your support by visiting the group's website

and electronically signing the organization's Principles, a list of six core beliefs shared by the Slow Money community. Or if you have just \$25, you could park it with the organization's Soil Trust, which will seed small food enterprises that promote soil fertility in locales from coast to coast. Tasch sees the Soil Trust as key to opening up the Slow Money concept to all of us and achieving the group's goal of getting a million Americans involved in the movement over the next decade.

Another key to achieving Tasch's goal is growth of leadership at the local level. To that end, a dozen autonomous local chapters have sprung up nationwide, with more sure to come as word gets out. The local groups have already gifted or lent hundreds of thousands of dollars to entities working to improve their own community "foodsheds." Now we all have a way to truly put our money where our mouths are.

CONTACTS: Slow Money, www.slowmoney.org.

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Dear EarthTalk: I've heard of the slow food movement, but what is "slow money" all about?

— Phil Nimkoft, New York, NY
"Slow Money" is the name for a movement started by socially conscious investing

and author of *Slow Money*, Tasch, who essentially borrowed the conceptual framework of "Slow Food"—whereby participants eschew convenience-oriented "fast" foods, instead filling up their plates with traditional, unprocessed and ideally, locally produced foods—

and applied it to personal finance and investing. As such, Slow Money is dedicated to connecting investors to their local economies by marshaling financial resources to invest in local food enterprises and local food systems.

Tasch's vision for Slow Money, now not just a concept but also a non-profit organization, seeks nothing less than a complete

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Town & Country CHATTER...

By: Julie Brown Ph.: (574) 653-2451

Ruth Cogdill had a surprise visitor Monday, Dec. 5. Her neighbor, Betty Hinderlider, came to see her. Betty welcomed Ruth back home and they had a wonderful visit, catching up on all the family news.

Julie Brown had an exciting time Thursday evening, Dec. 8. She attended the Caston vs. Argos junior high boys' basketball game and the Caston Elementary School's Christmas program. It was a matter of watching the seventh grade game in the elementary gymnasium, then walking over to the high school gymnasium to watch the kindergartners' portion of the concert, back to the elementary gymnasium to watch the last half of the eighth grade game and then back to watch the remainder of the concert. Her "munchkins," Tanner Sutton and Addison Zimpleman, are kindergartners and Luke Sutton is a player on the eighth grade team. The boys' parents, Steve and Wendy Sutton, also traveled between events; their grandfather, Jim Sutton of Fulton, and their brother, Jacob Kiss, spent the evening watching both basketball games; and their grandmothers, Arvella Sutton

of Fulton and Mary Personett attended the entire concert.

Leonard and Nancy Evers had surprise visitors Saturday, Dec. 10. Coming by for a wonderful family chat were their granddaughter and her family, Kristin and Jonathan Rockey and Zoe of North Carolina. This was the first time Leonard and Nancy had been able to see and hold their great-granddaughter.

Barb and Tom LaFollette traveled to Kokomo Saturday. Joining them for the day were their children and grandchildren, Chris LaFollette, Michelle, Michael, Rebecca, Elizabeth and Thomas of LaPorte and Karina and Terry Bohac and Nick of Rochester. The family made the trip to attend the Eikenberry Christmas gathering. This year 29 members of the family were able to get-together for the carry-in meal, games and lots of visiting.

Renee Colley spent the weekend in Valparaiso. Saturday. She and Dick Fedorchak were guests of her sister-in-law and her husband, Debbie and John Zupancic, at Crown Point. Renee and Dick were among those who enjoyed attending

the Zupancics' annual holiday open house.

Jerry and Kay Brown and their son, Mark Brown, had an exciting time Saturday evening. They were attending the Connorsville vs. Pendleton High School boys' basketball game. Jerry and Kay's son, Kerry Brown, is coach for Connorsville. While at the game, the Browns visited with former Kewanee resident, Bill Stout.

Florence Hogan had working visitors Sunday, Dec. 11. Bringing along some groceries and a wreath for the front of her house were her daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Dan Kelly of Lafayette. The Kellys also helped Florence set up her Christmas tree and most of her holiday decorations.

Pauline Brown was in Rochester Monday, Dec. 12. She met Sharlene Haimbaugh and Barbara Brown for lunch at the Family Plaza truck stop.

Julie Brown had a nice time Monday evening. She accompanied Blake and Stacey Kesler and Mary Personett to the Caston high school Christmas concert at McHale Auditorium in Logansport. Three of Julie's "munchkins" were among the performers, Zek Kesler, Katie Hawkey and Luke Sutton.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are:

Christopher Baldwin, Barrett Brown, Nancy Lukeitch and Carson Paulik, Dec. 18; Ingrid Cogdill, Todd Doty, Donna Mitchell, Blake Sowder and Missy Young, Dec. 19; Marilyn Fisher and Corey Mills, Dec. 20; Bev Baldwin, Robert Basham, Austin Heiden, Jonathan Masteller, Tim Mikesell and Chris Thomas, Dec. 21; Jennifer Bland, Danny Corbett and Mildred Engle, Dec. 22; Bruce Bangel and Kenan Kimble, Dec. 23; and Edward Carr, Emily French and Karon McColley, Dec. 24.

There are five couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Brad Smitley and Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Vigus, Dec. 19; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Metzger, Dec. 20; and Mr. and Mrs. Justin Goetz, Dec. 22.

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The News In Brief

The Fulton County Historical Society board of directors will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 17, at the Fulton County Museum.

A Rochester landmark, Centennial Tower, was destroyed by fire early Friday morning, December 9. Damage to the building was so extensive that demolition was begun immediately in the interest of safety. Firemen from all six county fire departments fought the blaze as well as firemen from Plymouth and North Manchester. The cause of the fire has not been determined and may be hard to establish.

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